

HEAD-QUARTERS, DEPT. OF NEW MEXICO,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, March 25, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 8.

I. . . It is announced to the troops in this Department, that by the active efforts of the officers of the General Staff, a sufficient quantity of food for some seven thousand captive Indians has been secured to last until supplies come from the States or the crops of the present year shall ripen and come into market. About six thousand Indians have already been captured, or have voluntarily given themselves up, and are at, or on their way to, the Reservation at Fort Sumner on the Pecos River, where we must feed them until they can raise food enough to support themselves. This they will in a great measure be able to do the coming summer; next year without a doubt they will produce as much as they can consume. It is believed that when the last Navajo Indian has surrendered or been captured, the number to be fed of this tribe will not exceed seven thousand.

Anxiety with regard to our ability to get this food, was the reason why a short time since the troops were placed upon half rations until the result of efforts to this end should become known. An account of Subsistence Stores on hand exhibits the gratifying fact that we can not only feed the Indians, but that the troops can resume the drawing of their full rations, except of the articles of *coffee and candles*; of these, two-thirds rations will be issued until further orders.

II. . . Hereafter on the last day of each month, the commander of every military post and camp within the Department will send direct to Department Head Quarters an exact account of all Subsistence Stores on hand, and a list of all troops, employes, laundresses and servants, who receive rations by issue, purchase, or otherwise at his post; with an exhibit placed against each article of stores showing how many days it will last.

III. . . Officers will be permitted to purchase a *reasonable* quantity of stores for the use of themselves and their families and their authorized servants. This authority has heretofore been grossly abused in several instances which have been brought to the notice of the Commanding General.— Commanders of Posts will promptly arrest and file charges against any officer who purchases more than this reasonable allowance of Subsistence Stores; or who, if he have no family, procures such stores for the subsistence of others besides himself and authorized servants.

IV. . . Commanding Officers at stations distant from the source of supply, will exercise great forecast to the end that requisitions are sent for stores *in time*; and will carefully watch over and husband their provisions and if there is danger of running short before others can be received, to diminish the amount to be issued to their command at such a seasonable date as to prevent any serious privation or want.

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ers of posts will send all estimates for supplies or funds direct to the proper Staff Officers at Department Head-Quarters. *At the same time* duplicates of such estimate will be forwarded to the District Commander who before he transmits them will make such comments upon them as he may deem necessary for a full understanding of the matter as regarded from his point of view.

By COMMAND OF BRIG. GENERAL CARLETON:

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